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Claims 1-14 (Cancelled).

the amount of radial projection of said dimple beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer sleeve is between a minimum equal to about 15 percent of the thickness dimension of the retainer sleeve so as to provide sufficient holding force to rotatably retain the cutting tool within the bore during operation and a maximum equal to about 30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer sleeve so as to provide for a maximum force to allow the removal of the cutting tool from the bore without the necessity of excessive force.

17. (Currently Amended) A cutting tool assembly according to claim 15, wherein said dimples are dimple is generally semi-spherical.

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34. (Previously Presented) A cutting tool assembly according to claim 17 wherein said retainer sleeve has a plurality of said dimples.

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36. (Previously Presented) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said dimple extends between about .007 – .020 inches beyond an exterior cylindrical surface of said retainer sleeve.

38. (Previously Presented) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said retainer sleeve has a plurality of said dimples.

the amount of radial projection of said protruding surface beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer sleeve is between about 15 percent and about 30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer sleeve.

40. (Previously Presented) A retainer for use in conjunction with a cutting tool, said retainer comprising:

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a retainer sleeve carried by the cutting tool and including a radially outward protruding surface;

wherein said retainer sleeve has a cylindrical circumference and a thickness dimension;

the amount of radial projection of said protruding surface beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer sleeve is between about 15 percent and about 30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer sleeve.

Claims 41-42 (Cancelled).

43. (Currently Amended) A generally cylindrical retainer for use in conjunction with a cutting tool, said retainer comprising:

a retainer sleeve carried by the cutting tool and including at least two radially outward projecting dimples;

wherein said retainer sleeve has a central longitudinal axis and a thickness dimension, and all of said at least two dimples are generally located within a common radial plane;

the amount of radial projection of each one of said at least two dimples ~~said dimple~~ beyond the cylindrical surface of the retainer sleeve is between about 15 percent and about 30 percent of the thickness dimension of said retainer sleeve,

wherein said retainer sleeve is constructed from steel.

44. (Previously Presented) A retainer according to claim 43 wherein said at least two dimples extend between about .007 - .020 inches beyond an exterior cylindrical surface of said retainer sleeve.

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45. (Previously Presented) A retainer according to claim 44 wherein each one of said at least two dimples has a diameter of between about .06 - .10 inches.

46. (Previously Presented) A retainer according to claim 29 wherein said retainer sleeve has an endface, and a bottom end, wherein a slit extends from said bottom end to said endface.

47. (Previously Presented) A retainer according to claim 40 wherein said retainer sleeve has an endface, and a bottom end, wherein a slit extends from said bottom end to said endface.